

DCCCD Incentive Funding Retention Awards Executive Summary

SEED AWARDS:

Assess For Success

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Collaboration: MVC and NLC

Award Amount: \$70,600 Award Period: 4 Semesters

Mountain View College representatives were introduced to an innovative college readiness and preparedness program developed by El Paso Community College. El Paso Community College partnered with the University of Texas at El Paso and El Paso area school districts to ensure that college-bound high school graduates' initial enrollment would be into entry-level courses instead of developmental courses. The "El Paso Area College Readiness Consortium" has since been recognized by the League for Innovation as a successful model for encouraging student success prior to community college enrollment.

This three-phase program design will help Grand Prairie ISD personnel **deliver** the ACCUPLACER test to junior and senior-level high school students and then help ISD personnel **assess** the results themselves. Finally, ISD and MVC/NLC personnel will work together to **align** the ACCUPLACER assessment results with the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) Test.

This program will be piloted at the South Grand Prairie High School (shared service area between MVC and NLC) and Grand Prairie High School. Activities will include:

- Initial meetings and program design overview with MVC, NLC and Grand Prairie High School staff.
- Training for Grand Prairie High School staff regarding **delivery** of the ACCUPLACER test.
- Training for Grand Prairie High School staff regarding **assessment** of the ACCUPLACER test.
- Collaboration between MVC, NLC and Grand Prairie ISD staff regarding **alignment** of the TAKS Test with the ACCUPLACER test.